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*The chancel flowers on the altar are dedicated to
David & Kathy Linville
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Worship

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8:30 Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

*Call to Worship (Psalm 31:1-5, 15-1)

In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In Your righteousness, deliver me!

Incline Your ear to me, rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me!

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me;

Take me out of the net which is hidden for me,

for You are my refuge.

Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in Your hand;

Let Your face shine on Your servant;

save me through Your steadfast love!

*Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” UMH #277

*Opening Prayer

Risen and living God,

we gather in this Easter season with grateful and hopeful hearts.

You bring life out of death and make all things new.

Draw us into Your presence today. Quiet our minds, open our hearts,

and help us receive what You would give. God of love, You are our

true home. Shape us to be a people of belonging— where all are

welcomed, known, and cared for. Be present in our worship, and in all

we do, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for Your

service. Through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Mission Moment Methodist Home for Children Marilyn Boyce

Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 Cleve Folger

SwanKids Worship
All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem “Wondrous Cross” Rob Blackwell

*Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37

Sermon “How to Become Great” Rev. Ben Williams

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response “Jesus Loves Me” UMH #191

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song “How Great is Our God” Rob Blackwell

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH #581

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude “Go to the World” W&S #3158

“Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.”

** Please stand as you are able.*